

- (c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b) above.
- (d) About 1862 Hectares (4,600 acres)
- (e) This will be considered after the receipt of final report.

Selling of Eucalyptus fuel to M/s. Harihar Polyfibres Ltd.,

571 SRI M. ABDUL LATEEF (Kolar).—Will the Minister for Food and Forest be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is selling eucalyptus fuel to M/s. Harihar Polyfibres Ltd. at Rs. 24 a tonne ;
- (b) since how long the rate has not been revised ;
- (c) the difference in value for the quantity supplied if it were to have been sold at prevailing market rates ;
- (d) the special reasons for this enormous incentive ?

SRI G. RAME GOWDA (Minister for Food and Forest).—

- (a) Yes.
- (b) According to the terms of the agreement the rates of supply to this Company are as follows :
 - (a) Rs. 24/-per tonne of de-barked wood from 1-9-1971 to 31-8-1986
 - (b) Rs. 30/-per tonne from 1-9-1986 to 31-8-1996
 - (c) Rs. 36/ per tonne from 1-9-1996 onwards.

Government have. inspite of this, increased the rate to Rs. 65/- per tonne for the quantity removed in excess of 1.5 lakh tonnes per year *vide* Government. Order issued on 21-4-1978.

(c) Eucalyptus, an industrial specie, is not sold in auction and hence its market rate cannot be asessed correctly.

(d) To promote industrialisation of the State and to provide employment opportunities.

Papers laid on the Table

SRI R. S. PATIL (Minister for Excise and Labour).—Sir, On behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, I beg to lay :

Notification No. LAW 85 LGR 77 dated 12th April, 1978
 Determination of expenses for foreign tour of Smt. K. S. Nagarathnamma, Ex. Speaker, Legislative Assembly. under clause (b) sub-section (3) of Section 8 of the Karnataka Legislature Salaries Act, 1956.